so that the liability may be cleared immediately. I request the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Demand put and carried.

14. 4—(1) Huzur Secretariat—Service Labels—Rs. 400.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 400 under 14—(1) Huzur Secretariat—Service Labels. The allotment for the year was Rs. 1,275 of which the balance now remains is only Rs. 291—4—0. We won't be able to come to the end of this year with this short balance and it is necessary to supplement it by another Rs. 400 at the least. I request that the House be pleased to vote the grant.

Demand put and carried.

5. 14—(8)—General Administration—Economic Depression Loan—Rs. 2,548.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 2,548 under 14 (8)—General Administration—Economic Depression Loan. The request has been necessitated by the appointment of a special loan Officer to look after the distribution of the 5 lakhs of rupees set apart from the Government for the relief of the agriculturists. There is no provision made in the current year's budget. Hence the request.

Motion No. 4.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, I move that.

The demand be reduced by Re. 1.

To urge upon the Government the absolute necessity of accepting as security for the loans from the five lakhs buildings in town areas fetching a fixed rent.

We are extremely thankful to the Government for the various items of relief measures proposed by the Government although the announcement could have been made a little earlier. When we come to the distribution of loans from the 5 lakhs of rupees, it is seen from the notification published by the Government that agricultural lands alone will be accepted as security. It is also further noted there that to the extent of only half the present value of the property will loans be sanctioned. What I want to place before this House is that in the matter of security not only agricultural lands be accepted, but also buildings that fetch a fixed rent. I think from the standpoint of security and the interest that the Government want to secure regarding the loan that is advanced, buildings fetching a rent is as good a security as agricultural lands which gives us an annual yield. Therefore, it will not be improper for the Government to accept such buildings as security, especially in the light of the fact that

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loans will be granted only to pay off previous encumbrances upon properties. Such encumbrances have been created at a time when the market value of the property was much higher than what it is to-day. To pay off such previous debts, to raise money upon agricultural lands at the rate at which the Government proposes to give, namely half the present value, it will be necessary to mortgage to the Government even more properties than are secured under the previous mortgages, which it is sought to redeem by this mortgage and in very many cases such mortgagors will have very valuable buildings to be offered as security. If the Government will not accept them as security and for that reason Government will not be able to advance the necessary money to pay off previous encumbrances, practically there will be no one to be benefitted by the Government grant. Therefore, with a view to see that the purpose for which the loan has been sanctioned by the Government is a matter of fact fulfilled, I urge that such buildings which will fetch a rent may also be accepted as security.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, The Hon'ble Member who tabled the cut motion will himself admit that the motion has been tabled rather late. The suggestion involved in the cut motion has to be considered with reference to the state of things which have given rise to the proceedings. Government regret that they are not in a position to give any promise on this suggestion. But on behalf of the Government I assure the Hon'ble Member that the thing will be considered seriously in all its aspects. I hope that will satisfy the Hon'ble Member. The question can be considered and will be considered in all its aspects. It has not been possible for the Government within the short time available to consider the question in all its aspects and bearings.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuhassan.—If the Government be pleased to consider this, I do not think there is any purpose served by pressing this cut motion. Therefore, I beg leave of the House to withdraw my cut motion.

Motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Motion No. 5.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I do not move it.

Hence the following motion was considered withdrawn.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,548 for 14—(8)—General Administration by Re. 1.*

Motion No. 6.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I do not move it.

Hence the following motion was considered withdrawn.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—*To reauce the allotment of Rs. 2,548 for 14—(8)—General Administration by Re. 1.*

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Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Sir, May I know for how many months is this Rs. 2,548.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It is estimated for the period of the appointment of the Special Loan Officer.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—We do not find any information any where.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—That can be found in the Proceedings appointing the Special Officer and this is intended for the remaining period of the year.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I beg to oppose the grant in toto. I find there is no justification for this expenditure. If further amounts are to be deducted out of that loan, it ingeniously affects this beneficial donation made by Government. I believe this work may be easily done by Tahsildars. There is absolutely no necessity for the creation of a special officer, two clerks and two peons in connection with the distribution of this 5 lakhs. After all, this sum is seen apportioned and distributed to each of the Taluks. There is the Tahsildar and the Staff and there is the Peishkar's Office and they can easily manage it with the existing staff. I say it is an unnecessary luxury to have a special loan officer, two clerks and two peons for a period of 6 months. I oppose the grant in toto.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, are we allowed to make speeches on this motion ?

President.—Yes. The total grant is before the House.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, I rise to oppose the previous speaker. It is very easy to say that the money can be distributed by the Tahsildars. But as a matter of fact there will be so many difficulties. It will necessitate enquiries as to who all should be given, the nature of the securities offered and all those things. I also understand the Tahsildars are not underworked. The amount incurred is so small considering the large amounts to be distributed. I would rather the Government spend a little more so that the distribution may be made more satisfactory to the people.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, with due deference to the Hon'ble Member who opposed the Grant, I do not think he has correctly understood the state of things. The whole essence of this relief is that it should be done as speedily as possible, and the term alloted to the special Loan Officer is only 6 months. In answer to a question tabled today the Hon'ble Members will find that I said that so far I have received 311 applications involving an amount of 10 lakhs and odd. How under these circumstances we can expect the Tahsildars of each Taluk to go into a detailed careful and correct enquiry with respect to the security offered, the investigation of the title deed etc., I fail,

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with all deference to understand at all. I may state also that even in the distribution of the agricultural loans the Tahsildars have power to distribute only up to a specified amount of Rs. 250 rupees. Beyond that up to Rs. 1,000 the Diwan Peishkar is expected to sanction the loan. All that shows that the underlying assumption is that the greater the sum the greater must be the standing of the officer who is to enquire into the necessities of the applicants. I do not mean any disparagement to anyone. I really fail to see how within this six months, we would be able to effect with the help of the already overworked Tahsildar, satisfactorily and speedily the distribution of the loan.

Demand put and carried.

6. 15.—Accounts and Finance—Temporary Establishment—Rs. 112.

Rama VarmhaTampuran.—Sir, in the absence of the Comptroller of Accounts, I shall move the grant.

I move for an allotment of Rs. 112 under 15—Accounts and Finance—Temporary Establishment. This is required to meet the pay of two Auditors to be specially appointed to check the claims preferred by widows of officers who have died in harness. Special gratuities have been sanctioned to them and several claims are coming. Each of these claims has to be checked in great detail with the previous backfiles and their service books and other relevant records. It is not possible to do this work with the existing set of auditors in the Comptroller's Office and to get through this work it is proposed to appoint two extra auditors on 28 rupees each for two months. The amount is required for this purpose. I request the House to vote for the grant.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sir, will the entertainment of this temporary staff for two months be able to dispose of the claims?

Rama VarmhaTampuran.—Yes, all the arrear claims.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know, Sir, by what time the Government will be able to finish of the whole work?

Rama VarmhaTampuran.—In two months.

Motion No. 7.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Then I don't move my cut.

Hence the following motion was considered withdrawn.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the demand for Rs. 112—under 15—Accounts and Finance by Re. 1.*

Demand put and carried

7. 16—B—2—District Courts—Rs. 45.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 45 under 16—B (2)—District Courts. To the Ernakulam

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